

Westlake Air Monitoring Update (5/2 – 9/14 - James):

5/5/14, Monday: OSC Johnson traveled to the Westlake Landfill Site. There were two START personnel on-site, Gregg Blattner and Dave Kinroth. A determination was made, by the Regional Administrator (RA) over the weekend to use the Rapid Assessment Tool (RAT) to assess the Bridgeton Municipal Athletic Complex (ball field) for the presence of radioactive materials. M. Schmaedick brought down the RAT system from R7. A media event has been scheduled for 5/9/14 at the ball fields to demonstrate the RAT capability.

5/6/14, Tuesday: OSC Johnson met with Walt Siemsglusz and John Bell of the City of Bridgeton Parks and Recreation to get access agreements signed to sample the ball fields. Installed a gamma tracer (#GR1920) at the ball field (1412 hours). Deployed the new Lincs at the Pattonville #2 station on McKelvey Street. START was making modifications to the Radeco air samplers to get better sampling rates of return (piping and associated housings for the Air Filter Samplers to allow for the filter to be placed outside the housings). R7 call; sent AreaRae detection parameters to Mike Beringer (EPA) and Rob Monnig (START) for ambient air monitoring detection / investigation levels.

5/7/14, Wednesday: START set out summa canisters for the 1st 24 hour sampling event.

5/8/14: Thursday: START performed instrument calibrations, changed out air samplers, retrieved summa canisters and prepared samples for laboratory shipping and analysis. Met with Chris Whitely and Mary Peterson in preparation for the Bridgeton Media Day Event with the RA.

5/9/14, Friday: Installed a 2nd gamma tracer at BMAC. Attended the press conference with the RA and demonstrated RAT to the public and media. START continued working on the air monitoring stations (sample prep, trouble shooting, data entry).

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